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SUBJECT: TRINIDAD-BRAZIL MIXED COMMISSION MEETING

REF: POS 672, MAY 23, 1972

1. FOLLOWING THE JUNE 24-26 MEETINGS OF THE TRINIDAD-BRAZIL MIXED COMMISSION, A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS RELEASED OUTLINING ACCOMPLISHMENTS. EVEN BEFORE THE MEETING OPENED, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAD AGREED TO EXTEND A FURTHER SIX MONTHS THE FISHING AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED IN APRIL 1972. (THIS AGREEMENT TOOK EFFECT ON MAY 19, 1972 AND ORIGINALLY TERMINATED AT THE END OF NOVEMBER, 1973.) SINCE THAT TIME IT HAS BEEN INFORMALLY EXTENDED, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID IT WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL THE END OF 1974. ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIQUE, OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN THE MEETINGS WERE THE EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURE ENTERPRISES, THE EXCHANGE OF LISTS OF POTENTIAL EXPORT PRODUCTS, IMPROVEMENT OF AIR AND SEA

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TRANSPORT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, TOURISM POLICIES AND

PRIORITIES, AND THE VISA ABOLITION AGREEMENT.

2. COMMENT: IN HIS INAUGURAL REMARKS TO THE MEETING, GOTT MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ERROL MAHABIR REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTION OF A STEEL MILL AS A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, COMPARING IT WITH THE PROPOSED TRI-NATION ALUMINUM SMELTER. HE TOLD THE COMMISSION THAT TALKS HAD ALREADY BEEN HELD IN BRAZIL ABOUT SUPPLYING THE IRON ORE FOR THE STEEL PLANT. (APPARENTLY THE PROJECT ENVISIONS USE OF TRINIDAD'S NATURAL GAS TO REDUCE OR REFINES THE ORE.) NO SPECIFIC MENTION WAS MADE IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE TO THIS PROJECT, HOWEVER, AND WE PRESUME THAT THE BRAZILIANS--WHILE POSSIBLY WILLING TO SUPPLY ORE--ARE NOT TOO INTERESTED IN JOINT VENTURE INVESTMENT IN TRINIDAD.

3. EXTENSION OF FISHING AGREEMENT (PROVIDING FOR SHRIMP FISHING OFF OF BRAZILIAN COAST BY TRINIDADIAN TRAWLERS) MAY REINFORCE GOTT TENDENCY IN CARACAS LOS TALKS TO BELIEVE THEY CAN CONTINUE TO SAFEGUARD THEIR ACCESS TO FISHERIES GROUNDS VIA BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH REGIONAL STATES RATHER THAN THROUGH NEGOTIATION OF SOMEWHAT RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS IN WORLDWIDE LOS CONTEXT. (SEE SANTO DOMINGO 1616 REPORTING LOS CONSULTATION WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO --- ESPECIALLY PARAGRAPH 3.B. ON FISHERIES.).
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